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On 8/1/14 at approximately 2000 hrs, the Houston Police Department (HPD) contacted EPA concerning a release of some type of hydrocarbon material from the CES Facility (abandoned chemical waste recycling facility). The HPD responded to a complaint of chemicals located in the roadside ditches along Kingsbury. HPD was on-scene at approximately 1500 hours and recovered approximately 6000 gallons of contaminated storm water and placed it into a frac tank. TCEQ and EPA have both responded to the incident. TCEQ mobilized its cleanup contractor, OMI, to begin recovery of the contaminated storm water from the ditches along Kingsbury as well as areas within the facility. The TCEQ team is mobilizing 4 vacuum trucks, 6 frac tanks, and 2 light plants for the operations. An assessment of the residential area identified primarily an oil emulsion (orange in color) on the surface of the water in the ditches with an occasional area of black oil. The staining is primarily within the drainage pathways which includes the roadways in some areas. The odors are very obvious in the area but monitoring results for VOCs do not pick up anything above background so the material has a very low odor threshold. The odor on-site is much stronger but still no significant VOC readings. The suspected source of the spill is an on-site tanker trailer, although there are many possible sources that could have contributed. The material in the tanker is unknown at this point but plans are being made to obtain and analyze a sample. Additionally, there are plans being made to take air samples. The site is unsecure, as fence fabric has been stolen making it accessible to trespassers and vandals. This incident appears to be associated with vandalism and then the 6 – 8 inches of rainfall received on 7/31/14 pushed the material into the residential neighborhood.

OSC Moore talked to several of the residents and informed them that response personnel were currently mobilizing to address the spill. They were told to keep their children and animals away from the spill areas. The residents were very appreciative that both TCEQ and EPA were on-scene. It should be noted the City of Houston did an excellent job responding to protect its citizens.



